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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Chicago's independent, locally-owned businesses
3 keep wealth circulating in our communities, adding to Chicago's
4 economic vitality and resilience; and

5 WHEREAS, Local business owners are stewards of our
6 communities, providing quality jobs, engaging in civic
7 concerns, and contributing to local non-profits; and

8 WHEREAS, A unique array of independent, locally-owned
9 businesses preserves the culture and character of Chicago's
10 neighborhoods and creates a strong sense of place; and

11 WHEREAS, Independent, locally-owned businesses help
12 sustain vibrant, compact, walkable town centers that are
13 essential to reducing sprawl, automobile use, habitat loss, and
14 air and water pollution; and

15 WHEREAS, Independent, locally-owned businesses are
16 committed to their communities, contributing to the local
17 economy and responding to the needs of their community over
18 many generations; and

19 WHEREAS, Local First Chicago has been promoting and
20 supporting independent, locally-owned businesses throughout

1 the City of Chicago for the past 8 years; and

2 WHEREAS, Local First Chicago has launched an exciting new
3 campaign: "Eat, Drink & Buy Local 365", to promote these
4 vibrant businesses year-round and to encourage Chicago
5 citizens to shift \$365 annually to independent, locally-owned
6 businesses, resulting in nearly a \$100 million positive impact
7 in Chicago's local economy; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we do hereby recognize Local First Chicago's "Eat, Drink, & Buy
11 Local 365" campaign and its lasting economic impact on the City
12 of Chicago and encourage its citizens to support Chicago's
13 locally-owned, independent businesses and choose the future
14 they want to see with every purchase they make; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Local First Chicago as an expression of our esteem
18 and respect.